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Winipeg, Dec. 15.—It is not to be denied that the production of a huge grain crop in the west this season has had a most favorable effect upon the country as a whole, but it is not so easy to show that the results to the individual have been similarly beneficial. The process of reaction from lack of confidence and financial depression has not yet completed its course, and until it ceases there will be some weak spots in the situation. There is no time in the history of the country have the weak spots been entirely absent. There is necessarily a greater amount of progress and development in some quarters than in others, and uniform prosperity is not to be expected. The general desire is to protect the struggling community until they reach a stage where they may depend on themselves. It is this protection and dependence that furnishes the danger in a time of hazardous speculation. As long as there is a decided tendency towards speculative stability and improvement there is no reason to fear any trouble. The outposts of the industrial system will feel the influence of better times before long, and when that stage is reached the whole fabric will have been immensely strengthened.

#### How The Farmer Fares.

The comforts of the farmer may be taken as a standard by which to judge the real conditions of life in the prairie provinces. There was a period in the history of the west when the farmer was a sort of home-made, through necessity, of course, rather than choice. With the increase and extension of the prairie population, this position has been ameliorated to some extent, and the sparse settlements are now largely confined to the prairie districts. An enormous influx of population, greater than the country has yet known, would be required to bring about a similar condition with respect to the prairie population, which would be an unduly singular thing, involving an entire waste of the prairie. The success which has attended farming in a large scale, and the escape of the likelihood of small farmers' need for government aid, are evidence of the individual holdings are extensive the population in each township is certain to be small.

#### To Establish a Home.

The ideal of the farmer is to make his own position secure from the standpoint of wages and means, and enter that in a moderate amount of enjoyment in his own home. He realizes the fact that his family and himself are separated by a long distance from the luxuries which

help to make life in a city worth living, and he is content to do without them. But he insists on having a few of the things which mean comfort and satisfaction in the home. It is well enough to build a good house, and to have suitable premises for the care of stock or the production of grain. But there are higher and better considerations. Materialism has its limits, even on a western farm. If there is any musical talent in the household a piano will be a necessary addition to the furniture. If the talent be in the undeveloped sort there may be a demand for a piano-player or a pianist. The organ is not as popular as in the early days. Some form of amusement or entertainment must be provided, and any mechanical contrivances necessary to that end must be obtained. In a time of adversity such as has been known in certain parts of the west during the past couple of years, the slackening in the demand for musical instruments is one of the sure indications of an unwillingness to spend money. Pianos are a luxury on the farm, as are diamonds in other and more extravagant communities, and when the crop is short very little is heard of sales and inquiries. The collection department is apt to be the most active branch of the trade at that time, and sometimes the sheriff and bailiff also take an official interest in developments.

#### Activity in Piano Trade.

The fact that the piano business in the west has been decidedly active during the past three months shows that there is very little depression in agricultural circles. Some dealers say that the principal drawback is the inability to secure pianos as fast as they are required. Instances are known of farmers having taken pianos for cash, and the raising of the \$400 or \$500 for the purchase seems to have been a smaller matter for concern than the problem of transporting the instrument in safety to the farm. The situation in this respect is infinitely better than at any other time in the past couple of years, and there are indications that it will continue to improve for an indefinite period. Orders are accumulating and the volume of business appears to be growing at a rate which will mean activity for the eastern piano manufacturers for a long time to come.

#### The Private School.

Another part of the conditions of trade, as reflected in the position of the farmer, is to be found in the extension of the private educational institutions. The attendance at ladies' colleges and business colleges in the prairie centres gives a clue to what is going on in the outlying districts. The farmer's lot, however, has comparatively little direct relation to this type of development. The educational institutions are practically confined to the cities and towns, and it is from the population of these that the pupils are drawn. The schools are doing well now, and are encouraged to look for even more satisfactory results in the near future. Time will be required to distribute the fruits of a large crop of graduates, and educational institutions will be

one of the last among the various branches of commercial activity to feel the mood of depression. The financial situation in the farming institutions is regarded by well-posted individuals in the banks and loan companies as generally satisfactory. These men are inclined by reason of the nature of their occupation to view conditions more conservatively, and their tendency is undoubtedly to attach little importance to any unfavorable features. They admit that the outlook is bright, and that a wonderful improvement in general business has taken place. They say that they will be able to present convincing and satisfactory reports at the close of the year. Interest payments are being especially well met, and installments on principal are fairly good. A few districts where bad crops


have come for two years in succession are the only ones to give any concern, but there is no general worrying about them. Many of the homesteads which were taken up during the most active periods of the "growing time" are now being patented or about to be patented, and these when greatly the basis of security upon which good loans may be made. When the farmer is doing well there is every reason to be satisfied with the whole prospect. He is apparently building his own and a little more. He may have been falling down the side of a cliff, but he struck solid ground when he repaid his crop this year. He has since been making his way back to the top or preparing for the return journey. He may take a longer time to climb up than he did to slide down, but when he reaches the heights again he will have the advantage of some excellent experience.

#### Lake Navigation Closed.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 15.—The steamer Moore came in this afternoon from Duluth with passengers and freight and will clear again at daylight. She is scheduled to make three more trips, which will keep her running up to the end of December. The tug Warden leaves tomorrow morning to pick up the lighthouse keepers along the north shore. The Shaugnessy took on 20,000 bushels of wheat and cleared from here to Fort William to finish her load and hold it in storage over winter.

#### Chief Militia Inspector Dead.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—James Robertson, chief inspector of the department of militia and defence, is dead of paralysis. He is 71 and a native of the Orkney Islands, Scotland.



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## SPORTING NEWS

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## HOCKEY.

## BIG CROWD SEE EXHIBITION GAME

The large number of spectators at the Tisdale rink last night were treated to the best exhibition of hockey of the year in the last of the practice games between a portion of the Edmonton Stanley cup team and an aggregation of players from Edmonton and Leduc. The former won out after a close game with a score of 1 to 0. While the game was itself disappointing at the showing put up by the Stanley Cup forward line, Petrie and Ross, the cover point and point men and Lindsay, who was the best hockey player, the challenges fully satisfied the host enthusiastic, that they were of the material but Whitford, Miller and McNamara did not come up to the same standard. The hero of the night was Harold Deaton, whose individual playing and combination work with Vair was the spectacular feature. Time after time he came down the ice for brilliant runs, and the cheers of the spectators.

The teams lined up six men a side. The Phillips, the great player who arrived in the city on Monday was not on the ice and it was announced that he was short a pair of hockey boots and skates. He proceeded to Winnipeg last night and with Lester Patrick, the point player will join the other Edmonton men there. During the game, the two managers for Phillips and Joe Hall, who has been released.

The lineups are as follows:  
Stanley Cup Team: Composite Team  
Petrie, forward; Lindsay, forward; Ross, forward; Whitford, forward; Miller, forward; McNamara, forward.  
Leduc: Phillips, forward; Ross, forward; Whitford, forward; Miller, forward; McNamara, forward.  
The game was refereed by T. Brown, Veldskamp, in the first half and 20 strong in the second. Each gave every advantage to the cup players in time and again allowing them to get away on off-paces in order that they might make the best possible showing. This advantage fully offset the disparity in the teams.

Goals were scored by the following:  
Veldskamp, 3; Phillips, 2; Miller, 1; McNamara, 2; Campbell, 1; Ross, 1.  
Following in brief is the history of the game showing the record of the goals and by whom they were scored:

First Half.  
McNamara from a face-off in front of goal—3 mins.  
Deaton, on a pass from Vair's run from center—3 mins.  
Deaton, on a run from center—14 minutes.  
Miller, on rebound from a shot by McNamara—8 mins.  
McNamara from a face off in front of goal—12 mins.

Second Half.  
Miller, on a pass from Whitford—5 mins.  
Deaton in pocket from face-off—20 seconds.  
Deaton on a pass from Vair—11 1/2 mins.  
Miller from a face-off near goal—3 mins.  
Whitford from face-off—20 secs.  
Vair by short run near goal—30 secs.  
Miller on pass from Whitford—3 mins.  
Campbell on a pass from Miller—2 1/2 mins.  
Whitford on a pass from Miller—20 secs.  
Campbell by a short run—30 secs.  
Deaton on a pass from Campbell from Deaton.

Whitford by a long run—11 1/2 mins.  
There were no penalties imposed.  
NO OBJECTION TO TEAM.  
—Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Discussing the criticism which has arisen over the composition of the Edmonton hockey team which is to play the last of the practice games of the Stanley cup team, Mr. Gordon, "Death, injury or change of residence may render the original makeup sundered. It is the

same in baseball, a contract last for one year, and with the expiration of that period, any club can sign up players for the succeeding season. It is the money or there is no prize claim on the man. Professional hockey in Canada now will be organized. Each player signs a legal contract with the club, but he cannot jump from one to another."  
Referring to the original stipulations laid down by the donor, Mr. Foran states emphatically that the Stanley cup was not hung up for either amateur or professional hockey in particular, but for the best hockey. The trust has already instituted rules that cover everything relating to the eligibility of players on challenge of detaching team during the game. That is a matter which is practically to bar out men imported especially for a cup made here. Only players who have been with the contesting teams during the season are eligible. Had Edmonton played for the cup toward the close of last season they would have been compelled by the trustees to place the same men on the ice who had helped the team win the championship of the league.

## EASTERN HOCKEY TEAMS.

The probable lineup of the teams in the Eastern Canada Hockey Association is as follows:  
Ottawa—Lessor, goal; Taylor, point; Shore, cover; Vair, Stuart, Ross, Phillips, forward.  
Windsor—Loren, goal; Ross, point; Small, cover; Glass, Gordon, Kean, Johnston and Blackford, forwards.  
Quebec—Moran, goal; R. Power, point; J. Power, cover; S. Power, forward; MacMorris and Morrice, forwards.

Shamrock's Defeat Winnipeg.  
—Montreal, Dec. 17.—The Shamrock's defeated the Winnipeg by a score of 2 to 1 in a professional hockey match. The game was slow and unexciting. The Shamrock's were led by their captain, Mr. Gray.

BOYS' CITY HOCKEY LEAGUE.  
A meeting was held in the Y.M. last evening for the purpose of forming a Boys' City Hockey League. Representatives were present from all the clubs, and a meeting was held to elect officers. The following were elected: President, Mr. H. W. Harlow; Vice-President, Mr. H. Roberts, B.A.; Secretary, Mr. E. J. Roberts, B.A.

There are four teams in the league representing the Alexander Taylor school, McKay Avenue school, Queens' Avenue school and the Y.M.C.A. boys department. Another meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A. when some other organizations may enter teams. The age limit for players is 16 years and over. A committee has been appointed to draw up a constitution and to present it at a meeting of the executive to be held on Saturday. The league has arranged for two games each week on the city rink, on Thursday 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

TEAM LEAVES TONIGHT.  
Tonight at 8:10 the Edmonton Stanley cup challenge team, with the club officials and supporters, will leave the C.N.R. depot on their trip to Montreal to play the Wanderers for the Stanley cup on Dec. 20th and 21st. A large crowd of local sports will be present to give the team a hearty send-off. The players going from whom the Edmonton lineup for the Stanley cup match were: Phillips and Lindsay, Patrick, Petrie, Ross, Miller, Whitford, McNamara, Phillips and Deaton. The officials who will go with the team are A. M. Stewart, president, E. E. Chavira, secretary, and W. Crowley, trainer. The team has practiced on the arena rink since morning, Dec. 21st, and will have one week's practice on the arena rink before the match. Phillips and Patrick will join the team in Winnipeg.

THE ETROCK.  
LONGBOAT DEFEATS DORADO.  
Madison Square Garden, New York, Dec. 17.—In one of the greatest range races ever witnessed in the history of the world, the Etrock, a 10-year-old Indian Indian distance runner, beat Dorado in the sixth lap of the twenty-sixth mile. Longboat finished in the first time of 2

hours 45 min. 26 1/2 sec., doing the final lap in about half second time.  
At 8:12 Floyd McFarland, the sixty-day cycle, started the two famous runners on their long journey of 26 miles and 385 yards. There was a wild shout of approval as the Etrock sped off to the lead in the race. The Canadian Indian bowed his head to the Etrock, his steady upper skin reflecting back the light in a manner which spoke of great physical power. In fact, both men appeared in the pink of condition.

Longboat Least Done.  
Only once in the first half of the race did Longboat come in the lead. To the third mile he challenged his opponent, and in the first clip for six laps showed the way. Then Dorado sprang and passing the Etrock easily continued the lead. To the thirteenth mile, a sixth lap, Longboat for a second time showed the lead. In the last time of the 14th mile he was in the lead for 20 min. 42.5 sec. It was 1:16.25 better than the time of Harro and Dorado. After leading for six laps, the Indian gave way to Dorado.

At the end of the 16th mile, Longboat slightly increased his stride. He had been dropping about five feet. Not a hair of the Etrock was ruffled, despite the pace the pair had maintained. From the start the runners had collided. The Etrock broke loose as Dorado was at the end of the 18th mile by two yards, having covered the distance in 1 hour, 30 min. 43.4 sec., and only 8.5 sec. better than the time of the last race. Longboat took the lead at the end of the 19th mile, and still led at the end of the 20th mile by two yards, in 2 hours, 1 min. 37.5 sec.

Swat Ahead Again.  
In the fifth lap of the twenty-second mile, after having dropped back, Longboat for the fourth time shot out to the front. He set a fast pace for two laps, but again gave way to his adversary. Dorado was still dealing at the end of the twenty-fifth mile had been second off Longboat for the fifth time shot out to the front. The little Indian, however, of Tom Longboat, was led down the press box as Tom carried eight of his sweatshirt he made an error, and after two laps gave way to his opponent. Tom took the lead again at the start of the final mile. Dorado showed great fatigue. He staggered, but held on, and Longboat set at a still faster pace. Dorado fell on his knees at the fifth lap of the twenty-sixth mile, Longboat finishing alone as he pleased. His time for the distance, 26 miles, 385 yards, was 2:45:02.5.

A Picturesque Figure.  
Longboat is perhaps the most picturesque figure in athletics today. He is a full-blooded Ojibwa Indian, and was raised on the Caledonia reservation, seven miles from Hamilton, Canada. He attracted attention suddenly by winning the historic Herald Marathon race in Canada when only nineteen years old, the following year. No one had heard of him before this, but subsequently he has won many famous long-distance races, among them the two-lap race, the 100-mile race, and when young his typical Indian habit, and when young his people marvelled at his speed and endurance.

Enthusiasm in Toronto.  
Toronto, Dec. 18.—Hundreds of citizens waited till midnight to watch newspaper reports of the Etrock-Dorado race. When the result was announced crowds gathered the streets, cheering enthusiastically. The Etrock's performance is felt by the Indian's admirers in view of the tendency to some quarters to "kill" Longboat because he refused to be managed by a certain clique.

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